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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.
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SUBJECT: **PATIENT ACCOUNT COMPROMISE REPORT -
FIRST QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003**

Attached is DHS' quarterly report of approved account compromises including the amount of liability reduced and the reason(s) for such reduction. The report covers the period of July 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002 with a total liability reduction of \$2.2 million (31.4%) and corresponding approved compromise offers of \$4.9 million (68.6%).

If you have questions or desire additional information, please let me know.

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
APPROVED PATIENT ACCOUNT COMPROMISES
FISCAL YEAR 2002 - 2003
FIRST QUARTER

FACILITY	NUMBER OF OF ACCOUNTS	APPROVED OFFER OF COMPROMISE	APPROVED TOTAL LIABILITY REDUCTION	REASON(S) FOR COMPROMISE
NORTHEAST AREA				
Hospital	140	\$ 1,899,753	\$ 957,571	Forty-five (45) accounts as amounts exceeded patient's current financial resources to pay.
				Forty (40) accounts as the maximum allowable for the care provided to the patient(s), as determined by the patient's insurance (Commerical or HMO).
				Twenty-three (23) accounts as third party claims settled.
				Nineteen (19) accounts as to expedite the Insurance payment process.
				Six (6) accounts as patient hardship, other party not responsible for debt will pay.
				Six (6) accounts as no authorization obtained.
				One (1) account as untimely billing.
CHC/HC	2	\$ 578	\$ 247	Two (2) accounts as amounts exceeded patients financial ability to pay.
TOTAL NORTHEAST AREA	142	\$ 1,900,331	\$ 957,818	
SOUTHWEST AREA				
Hospital	54	\$ 443,541	\$ 527,762	Twenty-five (25) accounts as third party claims settled.
				Nineteen (19) accounts as the maximum allowable for the care provided to the patient, as determined by the patient's insurance (Commerical or HMO).
				Four (4) account as to expedite the Insurance payment process.
				Three (3) accounts as amounts exceeded patient's current financial resources to pay.
				Two (2) accounts as patient hardship, other party not responsible for debt will pay.
				One (1) Probate Claim.
CHC/HC	0	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL SOUTHWEST AREA	54	\$ 443,541	\$ 527,762	
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AREA				
Hospital	22	\$ 758,449	\$ 147,730	Twenty-two (22) accounts as the maximum allowable for the care provided to the patient(s), as determined by the patient's insurance (Commerical or HMO).
CHC/HC	0	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AREA	22	\$ 758,449	\$ 147,730	
COASTAL AREA				
Hospital	49	\$ 1,757,577	\$ 592,255	Thirty-four (34) accounts as the maximum allowable for the care provided to the patient(s), as determined by the patient's insurance (Commerical or HMO).
				Eight (8) accounts as third party claims settled.
				Four (4) accounts as to expedite the Insurance payment process.
				Three (3) accounts as amounts exceeded patient's current financial resources to pay.
CHC/HC	0	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL COASTAL AREA	49	\$ 1,757,577	\$ 592,255	
ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA				
Hospital	1	\$ 5,226	\$ 5,000	One (1) account as amount exceeded patient's current financial resources to pay.
CHC/HC	0	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA	1	\$ 5,226	\$ 5,000	
RANCHO LOS AMIGOS	0	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL FY 2002-03 1ST QTR ALL FACILITIES	268	\$ 4,865,124	\$ 2,230,564	
COLLECTION RATIO FY 2002-03 1ST QTR ALL FACILITIES			68.6%	

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COLLECTION RATIO FY 2001-02 ALL FACILITIES (A)			73.5%	

Note: (A) DHS Compromise procedures became effective 02/15/02.